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[1](#)B. TOKYO 1644 AND PREVIOUS  
[1](#)C. 06 TOKYO 2135

[1](#)1. No human or animal outbreaks of H5N1 AI were reported in Japan during the period from April 13 to May 24.

-- GOJ designated H5N1 as "government-decreed" infectious disease for the another year --

[1](#)2. On April 27, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare's (MHLW) Health Sciences Council accepted MHLW's policy to extend the period of its designation of H5N1 as a "government-decreed" infectious disease for another year from June 12. The GOJ designated H5N1 as a government-decreed infectious disease last year by order of the Cabinet. By designating H5N1 as a government-decreed infectious disease, officials are able to impose certain restrictions on the rights of those infected by the virus, or even suspected of being infected by the virus, in order to prevent the further spread of the disease.

-- GOJ lifts ban on import of Hungarian chickens --

[1](#)3. On May 11, the GOJ has lifted a ban on the importation of poultry meat and guts that were imposed on January 25 due to outbreaks of avian influenza in Hungary.

-- Indonesia resumes sending H5N1 samples to Japan --

[1](#)4. On May 16, Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari said that Indonesia resumed sending H5N1 avian influenza samples to the WHO Collaborating Center in Tokyo, the National Institute for Infectious Diseases (NIID). Dr. Masato Tashiro, Director, WHO Collaborating Center in Tokyo confirmed that NIID received H5N1 virus specimens on May 10. An official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that the virus sample was received in accordance with existing WHO guidelines on sample sharing, and no separate bilateral agreement was involved.